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STRETCHABLE COMPOSITE SHEET FOR ADDING SOFTNESS AND

TEXTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

At page 39, in Table 1, line 2, delete "Sample 1" and insert -- Sample 1a -.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 3, delete "Sample 2" and insert -- Sample 2a -.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 4, delete "Sample 3" and insert -- Sample 3a -.

At page 39, in Table 1, line 6, delete "Sample 4" and insert -- Sample 4a -.

At page 39, after Table 1, please insert: -- a. Samples of the invention were prepared as described in Examples 1 or 2, not obtained in retail stores.--

Remarks

The amendments to the specification are to clarify that Samples 1-4, listed in Tables 1 and 2, were made by the process disclosed in the present application and are not commercial products. The commercial products are identified by their trade names. It would be clear to one skilled in the art that the characterization that Samples 1-4 were made by the process disclosed in the present application flows from the information in the specification, including Tables 1 and 2. Thus, no new subject matter is added.

A substitute page 39, as amended, is included for convenience.



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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-373-6968) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Table 1

Product	Product Obtained from retail stores
Sample 1 ^a	Nov-97
Sample 2 ^a	Nov-97
Sample 3 ^a	Nov-99
Huggies Sensitive Skin	Sep-96
Sample 4 ^a	Jan-00
Luvs	Jan-00 1QTR'99 Jan-00 Dec-99 Nov-99
Huggies Supreme Care	Jan-00
Pure N' Gentle Premium	Dec-99
Huggies Supreme Care	Nov-99
Huggies Natural Care	1QTR'99
Pamper Rash Care	1QTR'99
Equate	1QTR'99
Huggies Supreme Care	1QTR'99
Pampers Baby Fresh Natural Aloe	1QTR'99
Huggies Original	1QTR'99
Pampers Baby Fresh -Moisture Pillows	1QTR'99
Pampers Premium	1QTR'99
European Pampers	Sep-96
Chubs	1QTR'99

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